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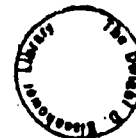
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Please deliver following to Adenauer and request on behalf of the President that the information regarding Mr. Khrushchev's visit be held confidential until announcement is made in Washington. Confirm date and time of delivery.

QUOTE August 1

Dear Mr. Chancellor:

For some time it has appeared unlikely that the Foreign Ministers would reach a sufficient measure of agreement at Geneva to justify a Summit Meeting. I think you will agree that in a situation where our hope for minimum progress has not yet been met a Summit Meeting would risk failure. With this in mind I have been in communication with Mr. Khrushchev about a visit to the United States. It seems to me that this would be a logical next step. Certainly a tour by Mr. Khrushchev

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through the U.S. ~~we~~ would provide him with a better picture of our strength and way of life. It would also serve to reduce the atmosphere of crisis should the Foreign Ministers recess without progress. If I were to follow this up with a briefer visit to Moscow this might stimulate further progress at the Foreign Ministers level which could well lead to a Summit Meeting later in the fall.

I would intend in my informal talks with Mr. Khrushchev to do whatever I can to assure that he obtains a clearer understanding of American attitudes, power and resources. I do not want to over estimate the value of my conversations with, and the impact on, him of an exposure to the people and the facts of life in the U.S. Nevertheless I cannot help but believe that the effect might be considerable.

I hope that the foregoing will appeal to you as a sensible view. I expect that the announcement of the visit of Mr. Khrushchev to the U.S., which probably will take place in mid-September, and of my later visit to the Soviet Union will be made early ~~at~~ next week, very likely on Monday, August third.

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I am sure that I do not need to tell you that my chief purpose in inviting Mr. Khrushchev to this country is to impress on him the strength and determination of the Western countries to maintain their rights against all forms of Communist aggression. Prime Minister Macmillan has indicated that he feels a Summit Meeting of the four Western Heads of Government would be helpful prior to my meeting with Mr. Khrushchev. I Of course I shall be glad to come to Europe for such a meeting. This would also give me the opportunity I have been seeking for a bilateral talk with de Gaulle which should be helpful in smoothing out some of our recent problems in NATO.

With warm personal regard,

Sincerely,

Dwight D. Eisenhower UNQ TE



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